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## NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an Indictment<sup>1</sup> against Grace Gaines charging that between 2002 and 2006, Gaines abused her position as Treasurer of American Federation of Teachers Union Local 4973, to embezzle more than \$15,500 from the Local.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
GRACE GAINES	WILLOW GROVE, PA	1958

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of five years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, a \$100 special assessment, one year of supervised release, as well as restitution and forfeiture of proceeds.

The case was investigated by the Department of Labor, Office of Labor–Management Standards and the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Labor Racketeering and Fraud, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Pamela Foa.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.